

Organizational Meeting

Warrant

WARRANT FOR THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councillor:

The Organizational Meeting of the 2016 City Council will be held on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 10:00 AM in the Hammond Hall main lounge, Fitchburg State University, 160 Pearl Street Fitchburg MA.

The Meeting has been called for the following purposes:

Administration of Oaths of Office to newly elected officials:
Mayor, City Council, School Committee;

Election of the Council President for the year 2016;

Election of the Council Vice President for the year 2016;

1 - 16 **ORDER:** Adopting Rules of the City Council for the year 2016;

2 - 16 **ORDER:** Setting dates of Regular Meetings of the City Council for the year 2016;

Drawing of names for seat assignment in the Council meeting area for the year 2016.

Per Order:

Anna M. Farrell
City Clerk
Clerk, City Council

Roll Call

The Organizational Meeting of the City Council was held in the Hammond Hall main lounge at Fitchburg State University, 160 Pearl Street and called to order by City Clerk Anna M. Farrell at 10:00 a.m. The Salute to the Flag was led by Councillor Hay. The Clerk called the roll and eleven (11) members were present. Board consists of eleven members. The Clerk read the Warrant for the Organizational Meeting.

Oaths of Office

Oaths of Office were administered by the City Clerk to Mayor Stephen DiNatale; City Councillors Jeffrey Bean, Paul Beauchemin, Angelo Bisol, David Clark, Marcus DiNatale, Amy Green, Stephan Hay, Jody Joseph, Joel Kaddy, Michael Kushmerek, and Dean Tran; School Committee members Sally Cragin, Marisa Fleming, Elizabeth Walsh and Juana Escobedo-Bedolla.

Nominations for Council President

Nominations for Council President were declared open by the Clerk. The name of Councillor Michael Kushmerek was placed in nomination and seconded. There were no further nominations. Nominations were declared closed following unanimous roll call vote. A roll call vote of 11 in favor and 0 opposed resulted in the election of Councillor Michael Kushmerek as President of the City Council for the year 2016. President Kushmerek assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Nominations for Council Vice President

Nominations for Council Vice President were declared open by President Kushmerek. The name of Councillor Amy Green was placed in nomination and seconded. There were no further nominations. Nominations were declared closed following unanimous roll call vote. A roll call vote of 11 in favor and 0

opposed resulted in the election of Councillor Amy Green as Vice President of the City Council for the year 2016.

The following Orders were received:

1 - 2016 **ORDER:** That the rules of the City Council as adopted for 2015 are hereby accepted for 2016.

The following requests for amendments to the 2016 rules were read and accepted unanimously:

- a. Rule 28: In order to correctly reflect the existing practice of preparing the Council agenda on Thursdays and in order to be in compliance with the Open Meeting Law: DELETE the word "four" on the fourth line and replace with the word "five"; DELETE the phrase "...at least three days (including Saturdays and Sundays)..." and replace with "...at least forty-eight hours, not including Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays".
- b. In the section entitled "Public Forum" delete the reference to 7:30PM and replace with 7:00PM.
- c. Rule 20 – Add Section 8: A committee on Economic Development, consisting of five members who shall act as a committee on matters related to the development and promotion of the economic vitality of the city.

Motion to adopt the 2015 City Council rules as amended for the year 2016 passed by unanimous vote. 11 members present. Board consists of 11 members.

2 - 2016 **ORDER:** Setting dates of Regular Meetings of the City Council for the year 2016.

Until further notice, the following dates be fixed for the regular meetings of the City Council for the year 2016:

JANUARY	Thursday 7 th	and	Tuesday 19 th
FEBRUARY	Thursday 4 th	and	Tuesday 16 th
MARCH	Thursday 3 rd	and	Tuesday 15 th
APRIL	Tuesday 5 th	and	Tuesday 19 th
MAY	Tuesday 3 rd	and	Tuesday 17 th
JUNE	Tuesday 7 th	and	Tuesday 21 st
JULY	Tuesday 5 th	and	Tuesday 19 th
AUGUST	NO MEETINGS		
SEPTEMBER	Tuesday 6 th	and	Tuesday 20 th
OCTOBER	Tuesday 4 th	and	Tuesday 18 th
NOVEMBER	Tuesday 1 st	and	Tuesday 15 th
DECEMBER	Tuesday 6 th	and	Tuesday 20 th

Meetings are scheduled to begin at 7:00 PM (Please note new time)

Memorial Middle School Library
615 Rollstone Street, Fitchburg MA 01420

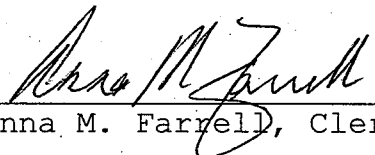
Motion to adopt the 2016 Schedule of City Council meeting dates passed by unanimous vote. 11 members present. Board consists of 11 members.

Drawing for
Council Seats

Councillors drew for seats as follows:

Seat #1	Councillor Bisol
Seat #2	Councillor Tran
Seat #3	Councillor Clark
Seat #4	Councillor Beauchemin
Seat #5	Councillor Hay
Seat #6	Councillor Kaddy
Seat #7	Councillor DiNatale
Seat #8	Councillor Bean
Seat #9	Councillor Green
Seat #10	Councillor Joseph

The Meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.


Anna M. Farrell, Clerk

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